[*English*]

Distribution of Dhara Edible Oil

2388. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has approached the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) with a proposal to distribute Dhara edible oil in rural areas of the State; and

(b) if so, the response of NDDB thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b). The Government of Maharashtra had requested NDDB to supply some additional quantity of Dhara to it to meet the demand during the festival season, on the eve of Diwali, particularly in areas where Dhara is presently not marketed. NDDB made arrangements to supply 120 MT through agencies nominated by Government of Maharashtra. The State Government has lifted approximately 64 MT through two agencies.

[*Translation*]

Vacancies for SCs/STs

2389. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the number of such posts lying vacant in his Ministry at present; and

(b) the steps taken to fill up the reserved vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Twelve vacancies in various grades reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes are presently lying vacant in the Ministry of Steel.

(b) The vacancies except in one case have either already been communicated or are in the process of being communicated to the concerned recruiting agency or the nodal Department, as the case may be , for obtaining suitable reserved category candidates. In the remaining case relating to a Group 'D' post, necessary action to appoint an eligible SC candidate in this vacancy has been initiated.

[*English*]

Backlog of Reserved Posts

2390. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the backlog of reserved posts for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes candidates, category-wise, as on January 1,1991 in his Ministry;

(b) the progress made in filling up of these reserved posts during the last three months; and

(c) the time by which the remaining reserved posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There is only one vacant Group 'D' post of Peon reserved for Scheduled Tribes in the Secretariat proper of the Ministry of Mines as on 1.1.1991.

(b) and (c) Requisition for sponsoring candidates was sent to Employment Exchange who has sponsored a list of candidates. Further action is under process to select a suitable person against the vacant post expeditiously.